

**Amendments to the Specification:**

In the paragraph starting on Page 11, line 8:

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the ~~first~~ second optical component is a ferrule containing a fiber 12 and having an optical axis 10b. The second optical component has a periphery 13 that has two points 13a and 13b that contact with the V-groove when the second optical component is disposed in the V-groove 3. It should be understood, that if the second optical component is a substrate-type optical component, then the points 13a and 13b would be located on its beveled sides as described above with respect to the first optical component.